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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, ASEAN

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH MARCOS 1/13: ASEAN SUMMIT

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS WE HAD ON OTHER SUBJECTS MORNING JANUARY 13, PRESIDENT MARCOS EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING WOULD PROCEED ON SCHEDULE NEXT MONTH. HE SAID FEBRUARY DATES HAD BEEN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BY ALL FIVE GOVERNMENTS WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS, BUT HAD BEEN THROWN INTO QUESTION BY RECENT EVENTS.

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT QUESTION IN MIND OF MARCOS WAS RAISED BY DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT IN THAILAND. MARCOS WONDERED WHETHER KUKRIT, AS CARETAKER PRIME MINISTER, WOULD FEEL EMPOWERED TO ENTER INTO ANY UNDERSTANDINGS IN ASEAN CONTEXT. HE FURTHERMORE WONDERED WHETHER KUKRIT WOULD FEEL FREE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR MEETING IN BALI IF HE IS IN MIDDLE OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

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3. SECOND ITEM IN QUESTION, ACCORDING TO MARCOS, IS STATE

OF RAZAK'S HEALTH. HE HAD REPORTS THAT RAZAK HAD LOST 30 POUNDS WEIGHT IN ONE MONTH. VISITING MALAYSIAN WELFARE MINISTER HAD TOLD HIM RAZAK IS RETURNING TO KUALA LUMPUR JANUARY 14. MARCOS SAID HE INTENDED TELEPHONE HIM JANUARY 15 TO LEARN FIRST HAD WHETHER HE FEELS PHYSICALLY UP TO SUMMITRY.

4. IN ANY EVENT, MARCOS IS PROCEEDING WITH HIS OWN PLANS TO ATTEND SUMMIT. HE WILL TRAVEL TO SINGAPORE JANUARY 26 FOR 2 AND 1/2 DAY VISIT WITH LEE KUAN YEW. SINCE LEE WILL IN MEANTIME HAVE CONSULTED WITH KUKRIT, MARCOS ASSUMES ISSUE WILL BE DECIDED BY TIME HE MEETS LEE.
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